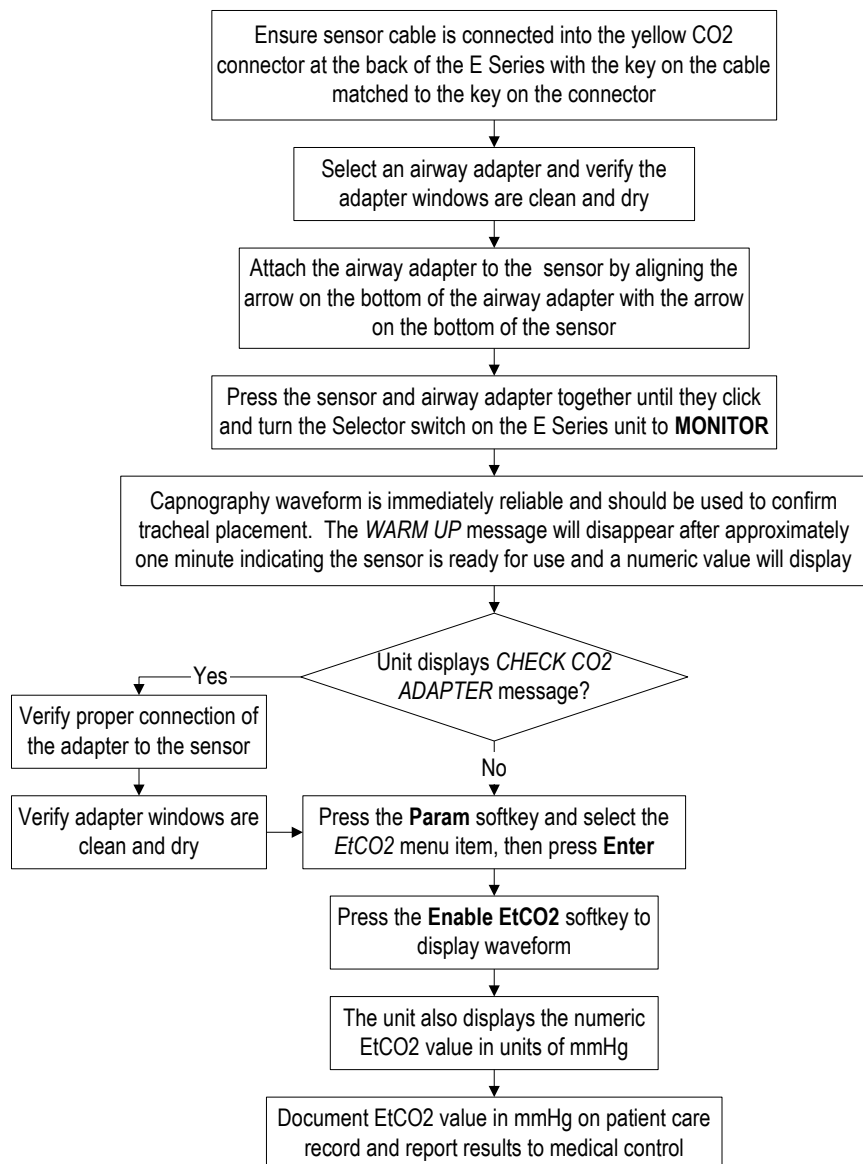


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PATIENT MONITORING  
END TIDAL CARBON  
DIOXIDE (EtCO<sub>2</sub>) MONITORING**

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<b>Purpose:</b>	<b>Indications:</b>		
To aid confirmation of proper placement of advanced airway	For continuous noninvasive monitoring of end tidal carbon dioxide in all patients with an advanced airway in place.		
<b>Advantages:</b>	<b>Disadvantages:</b>	<b>Complications:</b>	<b>Contraindications:</b>
Noninvasive Rapid confirmation of correct placement	None	None	None



**NOTES:**

- Verify and document waveform is consistent with tracheal placement **within 1 minute** of intubation.
- Check level after administering 6 breaths. A false positive reading is possible in an esophageal intubation if the patient consumed a carbonated beverage prior to intubation.